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	10/792,191	HUANG ET AL.	
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	D. L. Jones	1618	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1/16/07; 1/6/06; & 8/25/05.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-17 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 03 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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APPLICANT'S INVENTION

1. Applicant's invention is directed pharmaceutical compositions and methods of making those compositions.

Note: Claims 1-17 are pending.

RESPONSE TO APPLICANT'S ELECTION

2. Applicant's election with traverse of Group I filed 2/14/07 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that searching the full scope of the claims would not create an undue burden on the Examiner. In addition, Applicant asserts that the species, As₂O₃, As₂S₃, and As₂S₂ are not patentable distinct because they all are effective in the treatment of leukemia. Also, Applicant summarizes various prior art documents as they relate to the instant invention. This is found non-persuasive because as stated in the restriction requirement mailed 1/11/07, the compounds may be made by materially different process. For example, the compounds of the instant invention may be made by the processes of claims 1 or 6, or by one of the processes disclosed in the prior art cited below. Furthermore, the claims are product-by-process claims. As a result, patentability of the claims are not limited to the manipulations of the recited steps when the prior art discloses the same product as that being claimed by Applicant. Hence, the restriction requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Applicant's election of the species As₂O₃ and liver tumors is acknowledged in the response filed 2/14/07.

WITHDRAWN CLAIMS

3. Claims 6-17 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

102 REJECTIONS

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Born et al (Naturwissenschaften, 1941, Vol. 29, pages 182-183).

Born et al disclose mouse experiments wherein radioactive arsenic is utilized. Sodium cacodylate was irradiated with slow neutrons and the radioactive arsenic was separated. The radioactive arsenic was in the form of an aqueous solution of As₂O₃. The radioactive As₂O₃ was administered to mice in food or by subcutaneous injection (see entire document, especially, abstract). Therefore both Born et al and Applicant disclose a radiolabeled arsenic-containing compound, As₂O₃, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. It should be noted that it would be inherent to a skilled practitioner in the art that the radioactive arsenic compound would emit gamma and beta particles because that is one of the properties of radioactive complexes (see Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary, 12th edition by Richard Lewis, Sr., page 991

which defines the term 'radioisotope'. A copy of the dictionary entry is being mailed with this office action).

Note: Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary, 12th edition by Richard Lewis, Sr., page 991 defines the term 'radioisotope' as an isotopic form of an element (either natural or artificial) that exhibits radioactivity. Radioisotopes are used as diagnostic and therapeutic agents in medicine, biological tracer studies, and for many industrial purposes. Artificial radioisotopes are made by neutron bombardment of stable isotopes in a nuclear reactor.

6. Claims 1- 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Morrison et al (Can. J. Research, 1949, Vol. 27D, pages 265-269).

Morrison et al disclose the distribution of radioactive arsenic in the organs of insect larvae. Radioactive arsenic trioxide (As₂O₃) containing As76 was injected into larvae. The arsenic solution was prepared by combining active arsenic trioxide with other components including distilled water (see entire document, especially, abstract; page 265, 'Materials and Procedure'; page 266, 'Experimental Procedure', section 2).

Thus, both Applicant and Morrison et al disclose an injectable pharmaceutical composition comprising As₂O₃ where the 76As isotope is utilized

COMMENTS/NOTES

7. The restriction mailed 1/11/07 was modified. Specifically, Group I should contain only claims 1-5 and Group II should contain claims 6-17. The reason for the change is

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because claims 10-17 depend upon claim 6. Therefore, they should properly be placed in Group II.

8. Applicant is respectfully requested to review MPEP 2113, which is directed to product-by-process claims. In particular, Applicant is reminded that even though product-by-process claims are limited by and defined by the process, determination of patentability is based on the product itself. The patentability of a product does not depend on its method of production. If the product in the product-by-process claim is the same as or obvious from a product of the prior art, the claim is unpatentable even though the prior art product was made by a different process. In other words, product-by-process claims are not limited to the manipulations of the recited steps, only the structure implied by the steps.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. L. Jones whose telephone number is (571) 272-0617. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri., 6:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Hartley can be reached on (571) 272-0616. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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